

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1035

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the AARP for fifty years of meritorious service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay homage to those sterling organizations, and their individual members, who perform their duties with extraordinary dedication and diligence, as exemplary public servants; and

WHEREAS, throughout their special endeavors, these praiseworthy people have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents in order to perpetuate the public good and are credits to their respective professions, their communities, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the AARP is one such extraordinary group deserving of praise and commendation as they celebrate its fifty years of existence; and

WHEREAS, the AARP has a fifty-year tradition of harnessing the collective and individual power of its members to make life better for all Tennesseans and of pursuing and leading positive social change; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1958 by innovative retired educator, Ethel Percy Andrus, the AARP has striven to live up to its motto, "To serve, not to be served;" and

WHEREAS, AARP's "army of useful citizens" in Tennessee boasts a membership of more than 713,000 members whose selfless service includes money management and tax preparation assistance, safe driver training, advocacy, job training, intergenerational learning, community rebuilding projects, home visitation, and voter education; and

WHEREAS, this organization has amplified the collective voice of its members on issues of statewide importance such as quality, affordable health care, lifetime financial security, and consumer education and protection; and

WHEREAS, AARP has helped to foster practical, proactive, positive approaches and policies that enable our citizens to achieve the quality of life and peace of mind they have both earned and deserve; and

WHEREAS, the AARP shares this State's belief that diversity in age, economic status, attitudes, ability, and lifestyles are sources of profound state and national strength; and

WHEREAS, the AARP enhances the independence and dignity of residents of all ages by working toward communities that are characterized by affordable and appropriate housing, ease of mobility, and features and services that support the lives and lifestyles of people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous organization has successfully built important, statewide alliances among businesses, communities, and Tennesseans of all generations; and

WHEREAS, the AARP continues to advocate an economic environment throughout our state that supports and promotes the loyalty, reliability, flexibility, and potential of mature workers; and

WHEREAS, AARP's programs, services, and advocacy have helped residents realize their personal growth and preserve and enhance their self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, the AARP recognizes that ensuring the protection, safety, integrity, involvement, security, health, lifestyle, and well being of senior citizens is not a destination, but a continuing journey; and

WHEREAS, the AARP is truly an exemplary organization and has been a catalyst for positive change throughout our nation's and State's history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the AARP and its members upon the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, commend them for assisting everyone to make the most of life as they age, and wish them all the best in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.